

WILLIAM GEORGE NUTTALL
AND JULIET WALL

On March 4, 1853, in a wagon bed, sitting in the snow on the bank of Provo river, very close to the point where Highway 91 now crosses, a baby boy named William George was born to William Ephraim and Rosamond Watson Nuttall, while they were guarding the sugar machinery. About the time his father became bishop of Provo Third Ward the boy started school. Being a bashful lad, when the teacher asked him his name, with tears in his eyes he wailed, "My name is Willie George Nuttall and I want to go home." He was called Willie George from then on.

In his youth he enjoyed such things as swimming and fishing, and was baptized in 1861 in the Provo River. After his parents moved to Wallburg he worked on his father's farm and for a couple of months during the winter each year he went to school. As a young man he wooed and won the beautiful Juliet Wall, daughter of William Madison and Nancy Haws Wall. He took her to Salt Lake City in a wagon, where, on December 8, 1873, they were married in the Endowment House. He was a good worker and manager, for he soon

had a nice house with three large rooms for his bride.

Each summer he and his family went out to Strawberry Valley, where he managed his father's sawmill. Here in the mountains between Wallburg and Strawberry they cut the trees, dragged the logs into the mill and sawed them into lumber. The crops were planted in the spring before they left town, the livestock taken with them and the younger children herded the cattle in the lush Alpine meadows in Strawberry. Each week or so, a couple of the children were sent back to Wallburg to water the crops, check on things at home, and bring back needed supplies. Twelve to 14 men were hired to help operate the mill. Juliet cooked and kept camp for this group, in addition to caring for her own. In the winter she made rugs and carpets for her home, quilts and bedding clothes for the children, knitted their stockings and mittens and had charge of the produce of the garden.

William George married a second wife in 1882, while plural marriage was still practiced. Her name was Louise Jane Kerby, born December 13, 1864, daughter of Francis Kerby and Mary Le Carnu Kerby. She had two children. She later got a Church divorce.

Around 1895-96 the sawmill was sold and in 1897 he was called on a mission to the Southern States. He had many interesting experiences there, since the people were generally hostile toward Mormon Elders. At one place he and his companion visited there was a big dog in the yard, but it never moved when they went in. The people wanted to know how they got in, for no one had ever gotten by him before. The dog had to be locked up before they could leave. While he was gone his wife and family took care of 100 cattle and did all the work on the large farm.

In 1900 his oldest son, William Albert, was called on a mission to New Zealand. William George continued to farm until 1914, when they sold out, bought a nice home in Provo and planned to retire. The next February, Juliet died following an operation. Several years later he married Eva Ingram of Nephi, his third wife. She was a very fine woman and was kind to him.

Early in 1926 it was found he had diabetes. There was no ~~adrenalin~~ then, so the *insulin*

doctors couldn't do much for him. He passed away June 25, 1926, and Eva died at Nephi on February 5, 1956.

William George and Juliet Wall's children: Nancy Eleanor, William Albert, George Madison, Juliet, Isaac Wall, Mary Rosamond, Josephine, Leonard Wall, Eugene, Geneva, Ellis Watson and James Vernard.

William's and Louise Jane Kerby Nuttall's children: William Walter and John.

William and Eva Ingram (third marriage) no children.

*Wm had sawmill
in Wallburg*

JOHN ULRICH AND SUSANNA GERTSCH PROBST

John Ulrich Probst, son of Ulrich Probst Sr., and Anna Barbara Kiener, was born October 18, 1860 at Habstetten, Bern, Switzerland. He married Susanna Gertsch, December 18, 1891 in the Logan Temple. He died September 13, 1950 in Midway.

Susanna Gertsch Probst, a daughter of Conrad Gertsch Sr., and Margaretha or Margaretta Gertsch (no relation) Gertsch, was born August 26, 1874 at Wengen, Bern, Switzerland.

BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS



John Probst came to Midway July 4, 1872 with his parents. They built a log house with a dirt roof up the Snake Creek. His schooling consisted of three years in Switzerland, some time in the old Midway School, and three winters in the German Hall. He also spent three months at the Brigham Young Academy in Provo.

He worked in the mountains chopping and hauling timber and cordwood for the mines in Park City. For about two and one-half years, he worked in the same business at Snyderville. Three years were spent in the white pines. A log cabin was built by John Buchler Sr. and himself. In March and April they would take their yoke of oxen and wagons and haul the wood to the mines. He also spent part of one summer hauling saw logs from Caraboo Canyon to the Mill flat where the Snake Creek tunnel is now located. Bishop John Watkins operated a saw mill there.

In the spring of 1888, he homesteaded 160 acres of land near St. Anthony, Idaho. In the fall of 1891, he met Susanna Gertsch, who had just immigrated to Midway from Switzerland. They were married December 18, 1891 at the Logan Temple. He received a mission call to Switzerland on the 9th of April, 1895. He wrote the following from his life's story—"I sold two beef cows for \$16.00 each, a young five-year old horse, weighing 1100 pounds for \$45.00, another for \$25.00. I received \$75.00 from Lundeen for letting him in on the Probst ditch. All told, my wife and I had about \$400.00 for my mission and it took over \$100.00 to take me to my field of labor. All then that I had left was \$300.00.

"Among the most interesting towns I visited while on my mission, was Oberwangen. There I visited the old house we had once lived in where the gospel message had been brought to us by such men as Karl G. Maeser, Willard Richards, Theodore Brad-

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ley, John Huber and others. It was also the place where we had been baptized and had gone to school.

"Also I visited relatives of my wife in the Bernis Oberland. They were both surprised and happy to see me. It had been only four years since my wife had emigrated."

Farming and peddling was the occupation of John Ulrich Probst. Each Friday he would deliver fresh produce, eggs and chickens to the housewives of Park City. They had a big garden, kept a big flock of chickens, his wife churned butter. Thursday was a busy day, cleaning chickens, churning butter, gathering eggs and helping to prepare the load. His wife was up at 3 a.m. on Fridays preparing the breakfast, warming the big rock (in the winter) for his feet, while he harnessed the team. She also kept a hot meal waiting in the evenings upon his return, which was often at 10 or 11 p.m.

Susanna Gertsch Probst attended the schools of Switzerland. Her earliest recollections were helping to herd cows on the Alps, arising early and making lace to sell to help with their support before going to school.

In 1890, missionaries brought the gospel to her family. It was a glorious time for them, and November 1890 she was baptized in a cold stream of water by Conrad Abeg-glen. The first song she remembers learning was, "Oh Babylon, O Babylon, We Bid Thee Farewell, We're Going to the Mountains of Ephraim to Dwell." That is just what they did. The dear home that they loved was auctioned off, which provided money for their emigration to Zion.

The voyage over was a trying one, the family being seasick all the way. They arrived, however, in September 1891, and came straight to Midway.

The following children were all born in the family home:

Clarence, married Mary Christensen;
Parley, married Emma Christensen;
Francis, married Alice Galli;
Nephi, married Elizabeth Beck;
Reed, married Cleopha Richards;
Laura, married Vernon Nelson;
Ruby, married Glen Rex;
Owen, married Rosetta Bernards;
Leah, married Arthur Godfrey;
David, married Vivienne Stevens;
Geneva, married Ernil Cook.

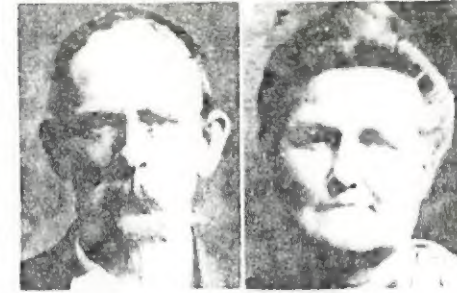
Susanna Gertsch Probst has been a member and visiting teacher in Relief Society

DAVID WOODRUFF AND CLARISSA VAN WAGONER PROVOST

Born January 29, 1850, at Newark, New Jersey, son of Luke and Julia Ann Wheeler Provost. Married Clarissa Van Wagoner October 22, 1876 by Bishop David Van Wagoner, brother of the bride. Died June 13, 1933, Midway.

Clarissa Van Wagoner Provost, born December 22, 1858, Provo, Utah. Daughter of John Halmah Van Wagoner and Clarissa Tappen. Died March 16, 1940, Midway.

BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS



David Woodruff Provost, second son in his family, truly added his strength to the pioneers of Midway and Wasatch County. He lived with and helped support his widowed mother and her family until he married.

He was a Black Hawk War veteran. He was captain of the Ira N. Jacobs Company in Utah Militia Infantry. He was awarded the Medal of Honor presented by the State of Utah. "Uncle Dave" carried the first tape in the original survey of Midway. He also held the first plow for the first irrigation ditch made in Midway.

He played the snare drums in the Mortal Band for years.

He and his brother, Luke, owned their own brick kiln and made brick which they sold to build many homes in Wasatch County. He was a brick layer, good carpenter, shoemaker, barber, butcher, wood carver and tanner. He did lots of step dancing for public entertainment.

With the help of his good wife, Clara, they raised a big family. Many sad experiences came into their home such as sudden death and much sickness. Times were hard for them but in spite of this, their home was open to the public at all hours. Many friends both young and old came for musical entertainment and good visiting. They raised three children of their son, Luke, whose wife had died leaving the tiny tots to their care.

Aunt Clara was a spotless housekeeper and a good cook. She was pleasant to be with, always having faith in the Lord and the thought that everything would work out all right.

Children of David and Clarissa were:
Mrs. Fletcher (Clarissa Florence) Arthur
David William
Luke Alma, married Mary Trevisia Vail
George Ammon
Mary Malinda, died in early youth

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Cynthia Loretta, died in early
Mrs. Frank (Ade Lovilla)
Mrs. Ray (Trella May) Gile
Earl Drell, married Freda E. L.

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WILLIAM AND JOANNA
FOTHERINGHAM
RICHARDSON



This Scottish family came to Heber in 1863. It had been eight years since they left Scotland. They both joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1849 and 1850. William was the son of William and Isabell Richardson born 18 June 1829 at Parkhead Lanark, Scotland.

Joanna Fotheringham Richardson was born to Francis and Janet Walker Fotheringham December 11, 1827. The grandfather Walker wouldn't let them live together so the baby was wrapped in a blanket and taken to her father. A young couple took the baby to rear. When about eleven years old she found out who her parents were. The Fotheringhams had one other daughter, Janet.

William and Joanna met at church after they were baptized and were married 20 June 1851. They had two children born in Scotland. Janet, the oldest, fell in hot ashes when she was two and died from the burns. William was born in 1854. They sailed for America on the 18th of February 1856. They landed in New York the 27th of March 1856. All the voyage across and going to Pennsylvania Joanna was very sick. Her second son, John Thornton was born the 13th of April 1856. Two more children were born in Pennsylvania. James, January 1858 and Harriet, who married Thomas Todd, was born the 20th of December 1859, at Mount Vernon, Pennsylvania. They moved to Illinois where Robert was born December 1861. While coming to Utah James died of smallpox. They started for Utah the 10th of August 1863, and arrived in Salt Lake the 4th of October 1863. They came to Heber from Salt Lake with George Muir, coming up Parleys Canyon. There were only three houses in Heber she could see. Joanna had

to sell clothes to buy wheat the first winter. Arch was born December 11, 1863, shortly after they arrived. Work was scarce. Robert and William had been sick on the way with smallpox and mountain fever. Then Robert took scarlet fever and died the 15th of September 1865. David was born the 1st of October 1865. They bought their first home in 1866, and it was the first rock home built in Heber.

They had their endowments in Salt Lake and were sealed by Brother George Q. Cannon. Isabel was born the 16th of March 1868 and married Adolphus Sessions. Joanna was born the 27th of February 1878 and married John Simpson.

William had to live a rough life mining and in timber to make a living for his large family. He was away from home most of the time and Joanna had to rear the children as best she could.

They were always good friends of the James Watson family who were very good to them in Scotland, Pennsylvania and Illinois. They went to their home when they came to Heber. They always stayed true to the gospel and after moving to Center Creek were rebaptized in 1877. He worked in Sunday School and Young Men's Mutual. Joanna worked in Relief Society in Heber and in Center Creek was a counselor to Sister Cluff for thirteen years and counselor to Sister Hundley. She was always willing to do her duty to help the needy. She walked from the ranch in Center Creek to meetings.

Joanna died at Thomas Todd's home in Heber January 14, 1901, and William died in Jensen, Uintah County, August 24, 1904. Both are buried in Heber. 1080